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| Interview Summary | Application No. 10/085,040 | Applicant(s) CAUTHEN, JOSEPH C. | |
| | Examiner Urmi Chattopadhyay | Art Unit 3738 | |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Urmi Chattopadhyay.

(3) Eric P. Raciti.

(2) David J. Isabella.

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Date of Interview: 21 March 2006.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: Not applicable.

Claim(s) discussed: 102 and 141.

Identification of prior art discussed: Gilson (USPN 5,904,703); Bao et al. (USPN 6,224,630).

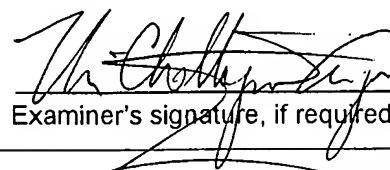
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the amendment filed on 2/24/06; the arguments presented are found persuasive and the 103(a) rejection of the claims will be withdrawn. However, claim 141 can be rejected under 102(e) by Gilson. Proposed amending the preamble of claims 102 and 141 to positively recite an intervertebral disc wall treatment device and removing the intended use language.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required